

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
February 1, 2016**

Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher and Student Council President Dominic Alberico called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. with Trustees Greco, Scaggs, Slocum, Host and McMillin present. Trustee Militello was absent.

Student Council Members Wingerter, Geirman, Slocum, Appleton, Pettigrew, Graham, Flanagan, Breen and Kropke were present.

Also present were Village Administrator Thomas Durkin, Finance Director Heather Wagonblott, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development and Information Systems Mike Petrick, Director of Finance Heather Wagonblott, Chief of Police Jeff Wold, Village Attorney Dave Silverman and Village Clerk Patricia Perinar.

VP Moorman Schumacher informed everyone present that anyone who speaks at the meeting shall be deemed to have given his/her consent to the recording of their likeness and speech. This meeting is being recorded.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT

Acknowledgment – Channahon Junior High School Students

Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher thanked everyone who took part in the first Job Shadow Day at the Village of Channahon. It has been a wonderful experience for all involved. The student council members who participated are sitting alongside the Village Trustees at tonight's Board meeting. Those members are:

Dominic Alberico ó President ó Shadowed Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher
Grace Wingerter ó Clerk ó Shadowed Chief of Police Jeff Wold

Miranda Gierman ó Treasurer - Shadowed Finance Director Heather Wagonblott

Emily Slocum ó Ambassador ó Shadowed Village Engineer Don Kinzler

Carter Appleton ó Ambassador ó Shadowed Marketing and Data Coordinator Nicole Norris

Abby Pettigrew ó Ambassador ó Shadowed Director of Community Development and
Information Systems Mike Petrick

Liam Graham ó Ambassador ó Shadowed Village Administrator Thomas Durkin

Libby Flanagan ó Ambassador ó Shadowed Deputy Clerk Leti Anselme

Aidan Breen ó Ambassador ó Shadowed Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal

Holly Kropke ó Ambassador ó Shadowed Building and Zoning Inspector Steve Kuczkowski

A Resolution to Recognize and Support Job Shadowing Day

Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher/Student Council President Dominic Alberico introduced the resolution to the Board. VP Moorman Schumacher asked Ms. Flanagan how the resolution was put together. Ms. Flanagan stated that she worked with Deputy Clerk Anselme by going through a list of various ideas that they felt were appropriate and chose the ones that were the best. The entire resolution will be read during the Board Meeting. Each Student Council Member shared what they felt was their most memorable experience from the Job Shadow Day.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

Village Administrator Tom Durkin stated he met with the Center for Economic Council for Will County meeting with the newly formed Economic Development Council through the CED which will be embarking on county wide initiatives. This is in respect to business retention surveys which will be utilizing part of our program. We will be working with CED to develop some initiatives for local governments within local governments.

He attended the IPBC Board of Directors meeting last Wednesday. The Village Health Insurance Renewals are being finalized. The group as a whole is a little bit of a worse year this year. We anticipated the renewal rates will be anywhere between 8% to 11% for our group.

Thursday and Friday this week Mr. Durkin will be attending the ILCMA Winter Conference down in Bloomington and will be available via phone or email.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

DCD&IS Mike Petrick reminded the Board that Planning and Zoning meets next Monday, February 8 at 6 p.m. He went over some of the items that are listed on the agenda for that meeting. There will be a public hearing for amending the town center zoning district as well as a special use permit for a planned unit development which is the senior housing center now named St. Elizabeth's Residences ó A Senior Living Community.

Trustee Slocum wanted to know when the new Frontage Road is going to open up. Don Kinzler stated they put off tying off the new road to the existing road until spring. They are finishing the traffic lights and they will be turned on when the new frontage road is officially open. He believes that road should be open by early spring of this year; probably no later than March.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Director of Finance Heather Wagonblott stated that she enjoyed spending her afternoon with Miranda and thanked her for her participation.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Discussion/Presentation – Steve Rauter from WESCOM update on Dispatch System
Student Council Clerk Grace Wingerter introduced Steve Rauter from WESCOM who is here to give an update on the state of the radio system for the police department.

Mr. Rauter thanked the Board and welcomed all the students present stating it is nice to see youth involved in local government. Mr. Rauter explained to the Board how the current system works. Channahon is currently using an analog system which is old and outdated. Most are switching to digital. Analog systems are not only outdated but are becoming increasingly costly to operate.

The phone company, in an effort to get us off the phone lines, has increased rates by 267% over the last 5 years. Digital radios do bring a lot more capabilities to the table. With digital you can do tracking of the patrol men, GPS Coordinates on a speaker mic so a patrolman can be located at any given point, short text messages, and a whole bunch of other things that cannot be done on analog today.

WESCOM is looking at alternatives:

- *Will County EMA has been the host of a radio system county wide.

- *Build our own digital system.

Cost will be involved. We will be saving money by getting off the analog system. He gave a variety of alternatives which are being considered.

SCP Alberico asked Mr. Rauter what WESCOM stands for - Western Will County Communication Center. He gave the background on how WESCOM was formed.

Trustee Scaggs asked if there was an estimated cost for the upgrade. Mr. Rauter gave a variety of costs for different scenarios. The technology committee is meeting regularly to seek out all the alternatives. SCA Graham asked if grants were available. Mr. Rauter stated that there is a Fire Act Grant which they are going after this year. On the law enforcement side there are various grants that may be available at the state and federal level. With the current condition of the state that may be difficult. Chief Wold is very familiar with those grants.

Trustee Slocum asked why the radios are together with Shorewood. It is for efficiency and to help reduce costs. He stated that ideally we need to migrate the groups together.

Trustee Host asked if we need a commitment from Minooka. Minooka Police Department is on the Grundy County 800 system. They have been discussing coming into WESCOM as a member. It is the desire of the police chiefs involved since they work so closely together. The more members they have in WESCOM helps to distribute the cost. Trustee Host asked if there is an opportunity to competitive pricing.

Trustee McMillin asked whether others would be willing to step up since Channahon took on the Bond for the WESCOM building and whether the building will be big enough if others come into the group. Mr. Rauter stated numerous groups have stepped up in different areas to support WESCOM. There will be no need to add on to WESCOM because it is more than enough and was built with a twenty year design.

Trustee Greco asked whether it would be cheaper to lease or buy radios. Different scenarios were given regarding this. Currently Channahon has 26 radios.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A Resolution to Accept a Public Utility Easement

Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal informed the Board that the Village of Channahon, Thornton's Inc., and Bluestone Retail Partners, LLC have entered into an annexation agreement which intends the development of the property and requires the installation of service of utilities to be owned and operated by the Village. A portion of the utilities are designed and constructed on the property owned by the William C. Wunderlich Family Trust and the Village must have an easement to install, operate, and maintain the portion of the utilities installed on the William C. Wunderlich Family Trust property. Beth W. Hixon, Dian K. Delehanty and W. Jeffrey Wunderlich, as Co-Trustees of the William C. Wunderlich Trust have granted easement.

PUBLIC COMMENT (Limit to 5 Minutes)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

1. Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for one or more Classes of Municipal Employees
2. Collective Bargaining
3. Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon

Trustee Slocum made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for one or more Classes of Municipal Employees, Collective Bargaining, and Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon. Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.

ROLL CALL AYES: Scaggs, Host, McMillin, Greco & Slocum

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: Militello

Trustee Host made a motion at 6:59 p.m. to adjourn Executive Session on Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for one or more Classes of Municipal Employees, Collective Bargaining, and Appointment, Employment, Dismissal, Compensation, Discipline and Performance of an Employee of the Village of Channahon. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

ROLL CALL AYES: Scaggs, Host, McMillin, Greco & Slocum

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

ABSENT: Militello

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

**Submitted by
Patricia Perinar
Village Clerk**